

Public Notice: Request for Comments



Notice of Intent to Approve a Draft Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Permit Modification for U.S. Ecology Site B [Docket # 10HW-1201]

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What is the purpose of this notice? The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing to issue a modified Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility Permit for the U.S. Ecology Idaho (USEI) Site B Facility. The modified Permit is based on the Class 3 modification request submitted by USEI for the design, construction, operation, monitoring, and closure of Landfill Cell 16. Such modifications are not unilaterally approved by DEQ. Before approval, you (the public), and the applicant are provided an opportunity to comment on the modified portions of the draft Permit prepared by DEQ.

What Is Proposed?

The Class 3 permit modification request for the construction of the new Landfill Cell 16 was reviewed for technical adequacy and found to be complete. The Part B Permit for the facility is being modified to include the design, construction, operation, monitoring, and closure of Landfill Cell 16. The modified portions of the draft Permit are hereby proposed for approval.

Facility description: USEI Site B is located approximately 10 miles west of Grandview, Idaho.

The present facility consists of operating and closed landfills, surface impoundments, treatment areas, and storage areas.

Where can I get more information?

In person: The draft modified Permit, Fact Sheet, and Administrative Record for the facility may be reviewed at the DEQ State Office, located at 1410 North Hilton, in Boise, Idaho.

Online: A copy of the Fact Sheet related to the draft Permit and the draft modified Permit are available on-line via the DEQ web site www.deq.idaho.gov/

By phone: Call Jenny Shafer at (208) 373-0502.

Persons wanting to be added to or deleted from the facility mailing list should contact Ms. René Anderson at the same address and/or at (208) 373-0210.

When are written comments due?

5 p.m. MDT on May 21, 2012. Comments should be addressed to Robert Bullock, c/o Jenny Shafer, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706.

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Who will be responsible for implementing this permit? U.S. Ecology Idaho, Inc.

Who is the issuing office? Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton Boise, Idaho 83706

What are DEQ's responsibilities? DEQ is the regulatory agency that helps protect and enhance Idaho's water and air quality and helps ensure proper management and disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits for certain activities.

What legal requirements apply?

Idaho's rules for administrative procedures require that DEQ provide an owner (or operator) and the public, through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments on the draft Permit modification. Only the modified permit conditions are open for review and comment.

What happens next? DEQ will consider any comments and/or requests for a hearing on the proposed Permit modification and will either announce a time and place for a hearing, revise the draft Permit modifications, or approve the draft Permit modifications as proposed.